

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish

September 28, 2025



Lazarus and the Rich Man by Marcus Gheeraerts the Elder

“Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'” Luke 16:25

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming community where every person can experience the Father's love. Through the Gospel proclamation, prayer, and joyous sacramental celebration, Good Shepherd Parish will inspire parishioners to discern and live out their vocations and to actively evangelize the world. As we bear witness to the Risen Christ, Our Lord and Savior, we aspire to serve our parish community. We will seek to welcome home the new, the lost, and the disheartened by using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit..

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic community of Good Shepherd Parish, strive to be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world.

In response to our Baptismal call, nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the values of the Second Vatican Council, we seek to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education.

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ST. ANN CHURCH, 134 COCHITUATE RD, WAYLAND, MA



ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 99 MAIN ST, WAYLAND, MA

Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann
Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin
Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann
Sunday, 5:30 PM St. Zepherin

Confession

Saturday, 3:00 –3:45 PM
St. Ann

(or by appointment)

Weekday Masses

Monday—Tuesday
9:00 AM St. Ann
Wednesday—Friday
9:00 AM St. Zepherin

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
4:00 PM

JOSE ERNIE CHAVES (LIVING)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:30 PM

PEOPLE OF

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 AM

THOMAS BUCKLEY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM

MILLIE CHOINSKI &

RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 AM

ELEANOR WELCH SIGNA

Parish Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10 AM—2 PM

NURSE JEAN

PARISH CENTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10 AM

BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME

PARISH CENTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7 PM —8 PM

EMMAUS READERS GROUP

ST. ANN CHURCH LIBRARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

10 AM—2 PM

NURSE JEAN

PARISH CENTER

1 PM *Walk With Her!*

1—3 PM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PARISH CENTER

7 PM —8 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. ANN'S HALL

The Son of Man Came to Seek and Save What Was Lost

More and more young adults are looking for meaning and stability in their life, but sadly aren't sure where to go to find it. The richness of beauty and truth of our Catholic Faith has been a source of strength and purpose for countless people. Our young people deserve to have us share it with them.

What can we do?

- Pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or make a Holy Hour for them
- Offer small sacrifices (fast from dessert, or meat, or TV) and offer it for their return
- Invite a young person to reach out to Father Ren for a friendly, open conversation. Sometimes a simple chat can plant the seeds of grace.
(frren@goodshepherdwayland.org; 508.650.3545, ext. 14)

Let's unite in faith and hope, trusting that God hears our prayers and will touch the hearts of those who have wandered.



"Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." – Luke 15:6

"For I am the Lord,
your healer"
(Exodus 15:26)

JESUS Heals

Rev. Fr. Jilto George CMI
Spiritual Director,
Shalom World Fellowship

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the healing touch of Jesus!

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OCTOBER 2025

09 THURSDAY
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Ann Catholic Church (Good Shepherd Parish)
124 Cochituate Rd, Wayland, MA 01778

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Join Us for a Rosary Rally



Praying for Peace and Unity

Saturday, October 11
12:00 PM (Noon)
St. Zepherin's Plaza, Wayland, MA

Joining with thousands of people across the country on the same day and time, we will gather in prayer to honor Our Lady and lift up our town, nation, and world through the power of the Rosary.

Bring your rosary, a friend, and your intentions.

All are welcome!

GLORIA

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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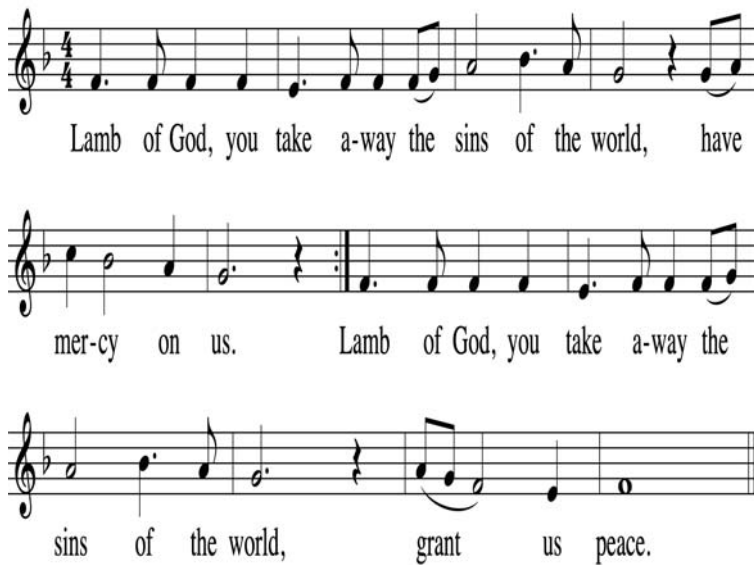
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AMEN



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LAMB OF GOD



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PSALM 146: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL

Ordinary Time 23B, 32B, 26C

Bob Hurd



1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets pris'ners free.
2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those
who are bowed down.
- It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.
3. The LORD upholds the orphan
and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign forever,
the God of Sion from age to age.
Alleluia!

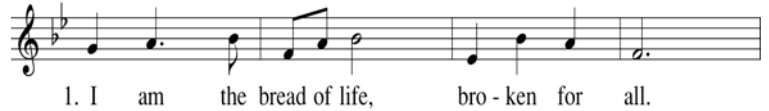
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946 Let Us Be Bread

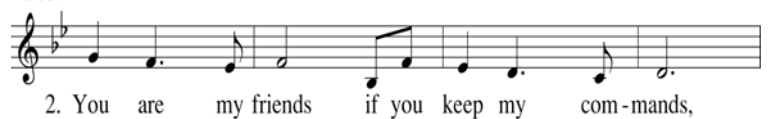
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Verse 1



Verse 2



Verse 3



Verse 4



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SEPTEMBER 29—THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

SAINT MICHAEL ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle, be our protection
against the wickedness and snares
of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P. Painting by De Rosen
of the Church militant: the saints in Christ's Church,
and indeed, all of us who are baptized, are engaged in
battle against the powers of darkness and sin.



COME HEAR OUR CHOIR!

9/28 - 8:30 Mass

10/5 - 10:30 Mass

10/12 - 4:00 Mass



THE TABERNACLE CANDLES
BURN
IN LOVING
MEMORY OF

Sheila O'Hara

(Sept. 26 - Oct. 2)

Nancy Kelley

(Oct. 3 - 9)



"I am the Light of the world."
John 8:12

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

26TH SUNDAY Am 6:1a, 4-7/Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/
ORDINARY TIME Sept 28 Lk 16:19-31

MONDAY **Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
Sept 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

TUESDAY **Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Sept 30 Zec 8:20-23/Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**
Oct 1 Neh 2:1-8/Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY **The Holy Guardian Angels**
Oct 2 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

FRIDAY Bar 1:15-22/Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Oct 3

SATURDAY **Saint Francis of Assisi**
Oct 4 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

27TH SUNDAY Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8,
ORDINARY TIME Oct 5 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

**St Zepherin
Church**
*is open for
weekday prayer*

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday
9:00 AM - 12 noon

Good Shepherd Parish

Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025

A message from Reverend Laurence “Ren” Tocci, Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to your financial support, and our efforts to control expenses, we had a very good year this past fiscal year. We ended the 2025 fiscal year in the black by **\$75,000**, which included a net operating income of \$44,000 and a net non-operating income of \$31,000. Across the board, the income received exceeded budget, and the expenses were less than what the budget called for. The detailed report included below shows all the operating and non-operating financial activities of the parish, including My Brother's Table. A similar reporting of the cemetery activities is also available below along with the total cash-on-hand of the parish and cemetery.

The cemetery's bottom line doesn't look so optimistic for FY 2025. We didn't sell many lots or columbarium niches this year, nor did we have many grave openings or burials. We were able to save on cemetery maintenance expenses thanks to the free-of-charge service offered by a faithful parishioner. Some monies from openings that we did, came after the fiscal year closed, so it shows on our records as a red line-item.

We have projected a conservative parish budget for this fiscal year 2026 for various reasons. We're planning for less income in offertory, as well as \$15,000 less in Faith Formation revenue due to the decision to cut our fees in half as we introduce our new program. We also saw \$23,000 more in insurance costs, since hiring a new staff member. We had reduced the staff when our parish Director of Communications resigned. But now that we're back in the full swing of things from the pandemic, we assessed our parish's needs and saw that we had to hire a new Administrative Assistant, while Kat became dedicated solely to parish communications and sacramental records.

We also needed to add \$13,000 for landscaping at St. Zepherin. A wonderful parishioner, Michael Mullins, had been doing the landscaping at a minimal cost for us. However, his health has required him to step down from this position. Please keep Mike and his step-daughter in your prayers.

I know last year was a big change for our parish, and I want to thank you all for being patient with me as I adjusted to Good Shepherd—and as you adjusted to me! This year promises to bring some exciting new life to Good Shepherd. The new Faith Formation program, Pathways, is off to a great start—much better than I had expected. We've had over eighty families registered, much more than I had thought we were going to see. In fact, we have hit capacity and had to close registration. The first meeting went very well, and I'll be excited to see how this program works.

We're also adding some events. Deborah Webster volunteered to put our parish library back in order, and has done an outstanding job this summer in doing so. Please visit it at St. Ann; it's open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays until 3:00pm, and Saturdays until Mass at 4:00pm.

Deborah also has initiated a book group: the Emmaus Readers. We have ten participants in our fall session, reading Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, and I hear that it's going well. We're planning on introducing an evening Bible study event, to complement the one Pheme Perkins is running for us on Tuesday mornings. Sally DeGeorge will be leading this for us—stay tuned for more details!

We're also offering more spiritual and prayer events this year. Next month, through the courtesy of Shalom World Ministries, we'll be hosting "Jesus Heals": an evening of Mass, Adoration, and Prayers for Healing. We're also participating in the nationwide Rosary Rally next month, and will have a parish Lenten mission this March. All of this in addition to the bi-weekly Holy Hour we introduced last Advent and will be continuing this year.

We also plan on introducing a men's group in January. Cor is a template of a men's group put together by the Knights of Columbus—though it's not exclusively put on by the K of C. This year we'll be focusing on the Lord's Prayer for regular meetings of men to gather for friendship and prayer.

Speaking of the Knights, we've had five men show interest in joining our council. We also have two folks who have signed up for the Order of Christian Initiation, and we hope to bring them into the Church this Easter. Last year we welcomed two newly baptized Christians into Good Shepherd and welcomed a third Christian into the Catholic Faith.

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Good Shepherd Parish Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025

	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Variance	FY 2026 Budget
Operating Income				
Offertory/90 Days/Holy Days	\$808,000	\$820,000	(\$12,000)	\$815,000
Sacramental Offerings/Gifts/Donations	36,000	19,000	17,000	15,000
Rel. Ed./Youth Ministry/Adult Programs	31,000	36,000	(5,000)	15,000
Other Income	84,000	59,000	25,000	79,000
Total Operating Income	\$959,000	\$934,000	\$25,000	\$924,000
Operating Expenses				
Compensation & Fringe Benefits	\$494,000	\$503,000	(\$9,000)	\$527,000
Professional fees & office expenses	44,000	44,000	0	49,000
Facilities maint., utilities & insurance	251,000	255,000	(4,000)	246,000
Parish Activities, pastoral & liturgical	35,000	29,000	6,000	26,000
Diocesan tithe	73,000	73,000	0	76,000
Capital Acquisitions & Improvements	18,000	30,000	(12,000)	0
Total Operating Expenses	\$915,000	\$934,000	(\$19,000)	\$924,000
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$44,000	\$0	\$44,000	\$0
Non-Operating Income				
Change in value of Investments	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$0
My Brother's Table	39,000	34,000	5,000	32,000
Total Non-Operating Income	\$ 63,000	\$34,000	\$ 29,000	\$32,000
Non-Operating Expenses				
My Brother's Table	\$32,000	\$34,000	(2,000)	\$32,000
Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$32,000	\$34,000	(\$2,000)	\$32,000
Net Non-Operating Income (Loss)	\$31,000	\$0	\$31,000	\$0
Net Income (Loss)	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Cash on hand as of June 30, 2025				
Checking account	\$106,000			
*RCAB Depository Accounts & Common Inv. Fund	1,013,000			
Total Cash on hand	\$1,119,000			

*this amount includes the money received from Rhodes Estate put aside for the long term sustainability of the parish.

St. Zepherin Cemetery	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Variance	FY 2026 Budget
Operating Income	\$12,400	\$23,000	(\$10,600)	\$17,000
Change in value of investments	2,400	0	2,400	0
Operating Expenses	(16,400)	(23,000)	6,600	(17,000)
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,600)	\$0	(\$1,600)	\$0
Cash on hand as of June 30, 2025				
Checking account	\$9,900			
RCAB Common Investment Fund	80,500			
Total Cash on hand	\$90,400			

Good Shepherd Parish Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget
Current Parish Operations				
Offertory/90 Days/Holy Days	\$700,000	\$791,000	\$808,000	\$815,000
Other Income	161,000	189,000	121,000	82,000
Expenses	(883,000)	(975,000)	(897,000)	(924,000)
Net Income from Operations	(22,000)	5,000	32,000	(27,000)
Less: Capital Improvements	(78,000)	(57,000)	(18,000)	0
Net Cash Flow from Operations	(\$100,000)	(\$52,000)	\$14,000	(\$27,000)
Long-Term Needs of Parish				
Large Gifts and Bequests	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in Value of Investments (including dividends)	58,000	88,000	54,000	27,000
Total	\$62,000	\$88,000	\$54,000	\$27,000
Renew, Rejoice, Refocus Campaign				
Contributions	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	(82,000)	(21,000)	0	0
Net Cash Flow	(\$81,000)	(\$18,000)	\$0	\$0
My Brother's Table				
Contributions	\$26,000	\$23,000	\$39,000	\$32,000
Expenditures	(29,000)	(33,000)	(32,000)	(32,000)
Net Cash Flow	(\$3,000)	(\$10,000)	\$7,000	\$0

From page 7:

Transition and change is difficult, but it brings with it great new possibilities. Our Lord's mission of preaching and healing brought something incredibly new to the people of Judea, and He continues to bring His presence to us in startling new ways today. Our new Archbishop is one sign of new beginning, as is our new Holy Father in Rome.

Pope Leo XIV has set for his pontificate an emphasis on unity in the Church and a "Christocentric" concentration: focusing on the person of Jesus Christ and a lived relationship with Him through prayer. May we all embrace this vision, coming together in a deeper and more authentic relationship with our Lord.

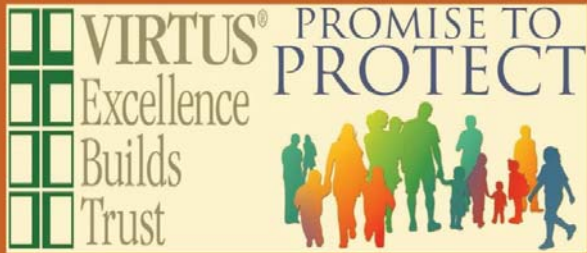
Thank you all for everything you do for Good Shepherd Parish. May God continue to bless you and all those you love. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ren

Many thanks to Tom Alber (Former Chair as of the end of June 2025), Al Hyland and Sue Spencer for their contributions to the Finance Council in FY2025 and previous years. Also to the Finance Council members for FY2026 (July 2025-June 2026): Barbara Matyi, Don Mirante, Corinne Nawrocki and Frank Tan.





Deacon Colm will be offering a VIRTUS training for all of our volunteers who have not yet been able to take the course.

Next Date: October 25, 2025

Place: St. Zepherin Parish Center

Time: 9 AM - 12 NOON

You MUST Register online first:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Parish Office: (508) 650—3545

99 Main Street

Wayland, MA

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

9 AM—3 PM

Friday 9 AM—12 PM

The CORI Form Season is Here!

All Clergy, staff members and parish volunteers (18 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled need to fill out a CORI form each year.

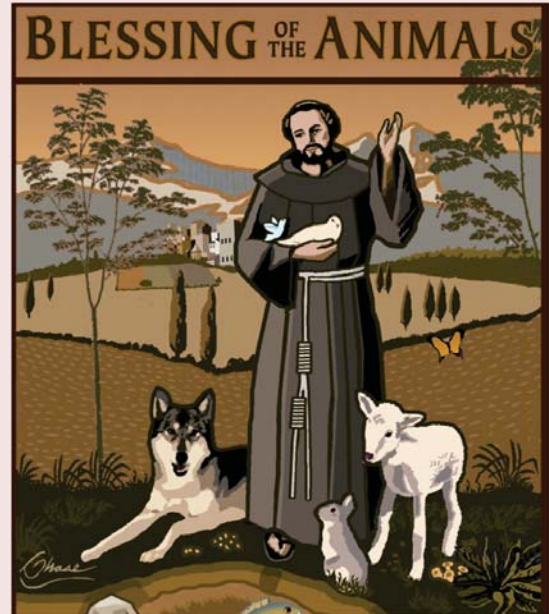
Tom Coan, Child Safety Program Coordinator, will be available after each Mass on the weekend of September 13/14 to help you complete your 2026 Child Safety's documents.

Please be sure to have your ID with you as Tom will need it to witness & sign your form.

You can also visit goodshepherdwayland.org website, under the "Get Involved" tab, to print out the CORI form and other Child Safety Program documents. Fill them out and bring them in person to the Parish Office.

Please email Tom at tcoan@goodshepherdwayland.org if you have any questions or call the parish office at 508-650-3545.

Good Shepherd Parish is very grateful for your dedicated ministry service to our parish community.



Sunday, 12 Noon, Oct. 5th
St. Ann Church - front steps

MY BROTHER'S
TABLE
AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Knitters' Craft Fair



**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
OUR GRADUATES AS THEY
FURTHER THEIR STUDIES IN EITHER
COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL!**

Contact Janie for more details or to make
donations: (508) 653-3423



SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 18, 2025
ST. ZEPHERIN PARISH CENTER
10 AM - 2 PM
SATURDAY

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

PARISH NURSE

Jean Gifford, RN, BSN, PMH-BC
End-of-Life Doula
jgifford@goodshepherdwayland.org
(508) 650-3545 ext. 25

COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE
FOR YOU,
OUR PARISH, &
OUR COMMUNITY



Monday, September 22
10 AM - 2 PM
Thursday, September 25
10 AM - 2 PM
1 PM walk! meet on the plaza
Monday, September 29
10 AM - 2 PM
Thursday, October 2
10 AM - 2 PM
1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

- Blood Pressure checks
- Prescription medication review
- Monthly medical presentations
- Referrals
- Remembrance ministry
- Walk with her!



CHANGE TO SCHEDULE FOR
OCTOBER:
NURSE JEAN WILL BE AT THE
PARISH CENTER
ON THURSDAYS ONLY

Prayer Shawl
Ministry

Next date:
October 2nd

1st Thursdays
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Where:

St. Zepherin Parish Center
All are welcome!
Coming together
to knit for others. You may
bring your own projects, also.

Contact:

Joanne Berry
(508 524-8630)
or
Regina Kennedy
(508 358-7684)

Please contact the Parish
Office if there is someone
you would like to
recommend to receive one
of the blessed shawls!
(508) 650-3545





Readings To-Go!

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!

Prayer
Requests

Please email your prayer requests to:
GSPPRAYERS@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL :
(508) 650 - 3545 EXT. 11

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
PRAYER LINE:

As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and to lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing - whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart - we want to join you in prayer.

Catholic
Appeal
2025

100%

90%

80%

70%

60%



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PARISH
FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR
PARISH CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL THUS
FAR.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE A GIFT
TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL. PLEASE
USE THE QR CODE BELOW OR MAIL A
PLEDGE ENVELOPE TO THE PARISH
OFFICE. THE PLEDGES ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE CHURCH PEWS.



As of Sept. 15,
we have
raised \$62,193
(68% of goal)
from 120
donors.
Thank you!

Goal Amount
\$92,100

TIPS FROM THE



Stethoscope

Fall is here ; pumpkin spice is
everywhere.

Tips for the fall season.

1. Continue to Breathe.
2. Its okay to take a break from studying.
3. Go for that walk.
4. Take time for "you".
5. Check in on your neighbors
6. Most of all be kind to yourself.

If I can help, please call, email or
stop by the Parish Center.

Be well,
Nurse Jean



GUARD THE DOOR

How clueless the richest 1% depicted in the first reading (Amos 6:4-7) be? Jesus tells the story of an unnamed mega-rich man and the destitute beggar, Lazarus, that suggest even in hell some people don't get it. A rich man's banquet would include 7 courses: appetizers, 3 entrees, 2 kinds of roast, dessert. Heavy drinking followed the meal. So, every day...?! Certainly, plenty food littering the floor. Visitors to Pompeii can see the mosaic of a snarling, chained black dog with the label 'Beware, the dog' that guards the doorway of a rich house. Jesus lays Lazarus at this man's door with street dogs licking his sores. Every day the man and his guests have stepped over and ignored that scene.

Flash forward to the afterlife. Roman funerary mosaics depict the deceased reclining on a luxury dining couch with their drinking cup of "immortality", cupids bringing roses, and Psyche entertaining on a stringed instrument. Transferred to Jewish visuals, there's Lazarus reclining alongside father Abraham. The rich man even knows Lazarus' name, but takes no responsibility for failing to alleviate that suffering. Instead, he starts negotiating, first for himself – an impossibility that he doesn't notice – then that Lazarus make a Dickens-like appearance from the dead to warn his five living brothers lest they join him in hell.

Against the rich man's assumption that a miracle could cure the "wealth-induced blindness" that prophets opposed, moves Jesus to confirm the moral importance of Mosaic teaching. "If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead," (Lk 16:31). Instead of shouting against the clueless, socially destructive, wealthy elite, Jesus addresses an audience that includes Pharisees who are respected teachers of Mosaic Law with a comic tone. No fine mosaic guard dog for this man's door. Easily walked over, but a living human being with the street dogs licking his sores ...? Nor can he notice a fiery canyon that would also prevent the righteous from bringing relief to suffering sinners.

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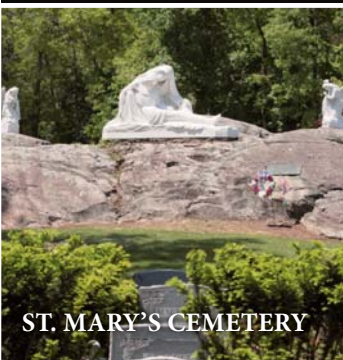


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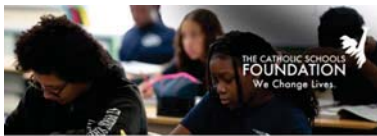
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